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Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 964 SD1
Relating to Aging

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair

Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS (WAM)

Testimony of Terri Byers
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Hearing Date: March 2, 2015
9:00 a.m.

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1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency supports this
2 measure, provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace priorities within the
3 Administration's biennial budget request.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure appropriates funds for FY16 for the following:

- 5 1. The Kupuna Care Program and the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC);
- 6 2. The Alzheimer's disease and Related Dementia services coordinator. Removes the hiring
7 requirement for the Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator
8 (ADRD);
- 9 3. Fall Prevention and Early Detection;
- 10 4. Various Senior Center Programs;

1 5. Healthy Aging Partnership (HAP) Program; and

2 6. Alzheimer's disease and related dementia public awareness campaign.

3 **Purpose and Justification:** EOA notes that two of the appropriations in this bill are priorities of
4 the Ige Administration. These priorities include (1) \$1,052,600 for the continued development of
5 the ADRCs statewide, and (2) a \$4,145,695 million increase in EOA's base budget for Kupuna
6 Care.

7 Regarding the funding of Falls Prevention and Early Detection, various senior center
8 programs, the Healthy Aging Partnership Program and the Alzheimer's disease and related
9 Dementia public awareness campaign, these are not part of the Governor's budget
10 request. Should there be a surplus of funds available for these measures; we would be supportive
11 as we agree with the concept of this initiative as it is consistent with EOA's goals and
12 objectives. If the Legislature deems these programs necessary, EOA respectfully requests that
13 the Legislature provide the appropriate resources, rather than supplant existing resources, for this
14 proposal.

15 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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SB 964 RELATING TO AGING

Testimony of Deborah Stone-Walls
Executive on Aging, Maui County Office on Aging (MCOA)

Monday, March 2, 2015; Conference Room 211; 9:00 am

MCOA's Position: Maui County Office on Aging (MCOA) is in **strong support** of SB 964 with particular attention to the Sections that appropriate funds for the Kupuna Care Program, Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia (ADRD) Services Coordinator, Fall Prevention and Early Detection Services for the Elderly, the Healthy Aging Partnership (HAP) Program, and the ADRD Public Awareness Campaign. MCOA supports the intent to appropriate service to various Senior Centers on Oahu but provides no specific legislative testimony as those services occur outside of the MCOA jurisdiction.

Purpose and Justification: Census projections indicate that the senior population in Hawaii will almost double between the period between 2010 and 2020 with the highest percentage increase occurring in those over the age of 85. In order to minimize the potential **financial strain** of the burgeoning aging population on the State, **proactive** efforts are required now. ***Keeping seniors healthy and at home is the most cost-effective manner*** to address the needs of one of our most valuable societal resources, and SB 964 will ensure that state funds are utilized to provide assistance in the

community at a much lesser financial drain than institutional services.

Kupuna Care: Each County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) oversees a variety of home and community-based service areas designed specifically to ensure that elders have the care they need in the least restrictive, and often most economical, setting as possible in order to assist Hawaii's kupuna to lead independent, meaningful, and dignified lives. These state funds are targeted to those who are frail and vulnerable and who do not have access to other services. AAAs have consistently succeeded in reaching the objective to prevent and/or delay the need for more restrictive levels of care.

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC): Implemented on Maui on April 16, 2012, the ADRC has allowed MCOA to improve efficiency and effectiveness in working with elders and family caregivers across a broad spectrum of functional abilities and financial standing. The ADRC is designed to serve as a highly visible and trusted resource agency where people with disabilities of all ages can find information on the full range of long-term support options and can access a single point of entry to public long-term support programs and benefits. Benefits of the ADRC include but are not limited to:

- Efficient Screening and Referral: The HI ADRC Intake process provides a concise indication of individual functional needs supports as well as personal resources available to assist in meeting functional needs.
- Better care for seniors and ease of access for family caregivers: The ADRC is designed to serve as a highly visible and trusted resource agency where people with disabilities of all ages can find information on the full range of long-term support options and can access a single point of entry to public long-term support programs and benefits.
- Comprehensive **individualized** interventions: The HI ADRC Assessment Tool provides in-depth information regarding individual circumstances, needs, and appropriate interventions in twenty-seven (27) Clinical Assessment Protocols (CAPS). When a CAP is "triggered," there is a clear indication not only that

assistance is likely needed, but also **what type of intervention is most appropriate**. For instance, if the Falls CAP is triggered, MCOA staff can determine the likely reason for the risk for a fall and speak with the elder and/or family member regarding appropriate interventions. If the risk of fall is most likely due to poor lighting, for instance, a plan to increase light in poorly illuminated areas would result. The most dramatic use of the CAP information to date at MCOA occurred in FY 2014. MCOA partnered with the University of Hawaii—Maui Campus School of Nursing to conduct an in-depth review of all 202 individuals who had triggered at moderate to high risk of Falls. The review resulted in the identification of 85 seniors who were most likely at risk to fall due to a particular medication or a combination of medications. Prior to the ADRC tool implementation, MCOA knew that seniors in general were at risk for falls, but we had no way to clearly identify which senior risked a fall and what intervention would most likely result in reducing that risk of a fall. This type of data allows MCOA to better focus interventions. Rather than using public resources to focus on lighting or environmental factors, any risk for falls due to medication risks would best first be addressed by referring those seniors to their Primary Care Physician or to a Pharmacist for medication reconciliation. In short, the ADRC Assessment tools allows MCOA personnel to **effectively target interventions** resulting in a much **more efficient use of public funds**.

- Increased AAA capacity to target services to those most at need: Through the Intake and Assessment process, MCOA gathers functional and financial data that assists employees in effectively and efficiently identifying those individuals who demonstrate the greatest need. The HI ADRC Assessment process allows the identification of those individuals at the lowest income and highest risk. The Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended in 2006 tasks Area Agencies on Aging to target services to older individuals with: greatest economic need; greatest social need; those at risk for institutional placement; low-income minority older individuals; older individuals with limited English proficiency; and older individuals residing in rural areas. The ADRC tools allow us to easily comply with

this federal requirement and thereby utilize public funds in the most efficient manner.

- Ease of access to Quality Improvement Information: Through the ADRC information system, MCOA now has a means to track the actual success of services in helping seniors remain at home. For example, the Assessment tool identifies those individuals who have a CAPS trigger for Institutional Risk. AAAs using the ADRC system can now quantify the number of individuals who continue to live in the community through support of home and community-based services. This ability to objectively quantify the effectiveness of service delivery in order to ensure the best use of public funds has not been present in Hawaii previously.

Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders (ADRD) Coordinator: The increasing numbers of the aging population means that the incidence of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders will also rise. In order to effectively plan and implement statewide services to seniors and caregivers, coordination at the state level is necessary to avoid duplication and to maximize resources. By removing the requirement for the Executive Office on Aging to hire an ADRD Coordinator, EOA will have increased flexibility to contract a qualified Coordinator.

Falls Prevention and Early Detection: MCOA supports the statewide approach to not only reduce the impact of falls on individuals and the community as a whole but to also work towards increasing the emphasis on prevention and early detection. This issue is costly not only to seniors in terms of overall health status, but to our society.

Healthy Aging Program (HAP): MCOA assists seniors and individuals over the age of 55 to improve overall health through two evidence-based programs—Better Choices, Better Health (using Stanford's Chronic Disease Self-Management—CDSMP—and Diabetes Self-Management—DSMP—Programs) and EnhanceFitness™ (EF). Because our population is aging rapidly and funding amounts for home and community-based services cannot keep pace with this increase, MCOA believes that efforts to improve overall health of seniors and their family caregivers is paramount to ensuring independence and dignity. In Maui County, Better Choices, Better Health (BCBH) and EF assisted over 400 seniors and individuals over the age of 55 to improve overall

health in FY14. Over 350 people engaged in evidence-based exercise programs through EF since the inception of this program on Maui. Successful implementation of these programs will eventually lead to MCOA's ability to directly bill Medicare for each participant, thereby lessening the State and County burden to provide these important interventions. Funding for the HAP appropriated by this bill will support direct services to seniors statewide that have been proven to improve health, increase self-management of chronic illness, increase strength and flexibility, and generally assist seniors in living at home in a more healthy manner. While we cannot ignore those who need assistance with the basic functions of daily living, we must also work diligently to assist our aging citizens and their family caregivers to live as healthily as possible for as long as possible in the most cost effective manner as possible.

ADRD Public Awareness Campaign: MCOA believes a coordinated, statewide effort to highlight the importance of preparedness with regard to AD RD is critical. As the population increases, the incidence of AD RD will increase. Early detection and accurate diagnosis will only occur to the extent to which the public is aware of this critical health issue.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding this measure.

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RE: SB964 Relating to Aging

Dear Chairwoman Tokuda and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB964. On behalf of the Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter, I am pleased to extend our full support for Senate Bill 964, which provides funding for a Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services Coordinator position, a Public Awareness Campaign on Alzheimer's disease, the Kupuna Care Program, the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) and the Healthy Aging Partnership. We are in support of the bill in its entirety, especially in regards to the funding of a Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator and the Alzheimer's disease Public Awareness Campaign.

Alzheimer's disease is a growing epidemic and is now the nation's sixth leading cause of death. Here in Hawaii, more than 25,000 individuals live with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. Furthermore, 1 in 3 kupuna die from the disease.

Despite the belief of many, Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of aging. Memory deficits may occur as you grow older but memory loss that disrupts daily life is not a typical part of aging. It is usually contributed to some form of dementia. However, the lack of awareness on such, often results in minimal to no reporting of memory issues to one's physician. The lack of reporting these issues often lead to a failure to obtain an early and appropriate diagnosis.

According to data from the 2011 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), in Hawaii, 9.2% of those aged 60 and over report that they are experiencing confusion or memory loss. Furthermore, nearly 90% of those individuals have not talked to a health care professional about it –the highest among 22 states reporting the data.

Equally alarming is that as many as half of those who meet the diagnostic criteria for dementia have not received a diagnosis from a physician. Early detection and diagnosis are essential to providing the best medical care and outcomes for those at any stage of the disease. Even without a way to cure or slow the progression of dementia, an early formal diagnosis offers the best opportunities for intervention and better outcomes.

Thus, a public awareness campaign on the warning signs and the importance of early detection is so critical as it will ensure that individuals will obtain an early and appropriate diagnosis.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this legislation and applaud your leadership in bringing it forward.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C Payne". The "C" is large and loops around the "P", which is also large and loops around the "a". The "y" and "n" are smaller and more straightforward, and the "e" is a simple horizontal stroke.

Christine Payne
Executive Director
Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter



March 2, 2015

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair

Re: **SB 964, SD 1, RELATING TO AGING**

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kouchi and members of the committee:

Introduction

AARP is a membership organization of people fifty and over with nearly 150,000 members in Hawaii alone. AARP advocates for issues that matter to Hawaii families, including the high cost of long-term care; access to affordable, quality health care for all generations; providing the tools needed to save for retirement; and serving as a reliable information source on issues critical to people over the age of fifty.

AARP Hawaii strongly supports SB 964, SD 1, Relating to Aging, but recommends amendments.

We are submitting this testimony specifically to support the increase in funding for the Kupuna Care program reflected in section 2 of the bill. Specifically, we respectfully request that this committee restore the \$5,100,000 in yearly funding for Kupuna Care that was originally provided for in SB 964, rather than the reduced amount that is reflected in the current Senate Draft.

We further request that this amount be incorporated into to the base budget of the Kupuna Care program, rather than adding it as a separate supplemental appropriation.

We suggest a 10% increase in funding to be folded into the base budget

Since 2002 the base funding for Kupuna Care has stayed flat at approximately \$4.8 million while demand for long-term care services continued to grow. In past years, the legislature has added additional supplemental appropriations. Since 2012 these supplemental appropriations have been approximately \$4.2 million per year. As a result, funding for Kupuna Care for the past two to three years has remained at approximately \$9 million per year, through a mix of base budget and supplemental appropriations. In other words, biennium budgeting for the Kupuna Care in recent years has looked like this:

Past Biennium Budgeting

	Year 1	Year 2
Base Budget	\$4.8 million	\$4.8 million
Additional Supplemental One-Time Appropriations	\$4.2 million	\$4.2 million
Total	\$9 million	\$9 million

We appreciate the supplemental appropriations the legislature has provided in the past, but believe that to keep up with the rapidly increasing population of people ages 60 and over in Hawaii, this amount should be increased. We recommend that the additional funding that has been provided to Kupuna Care in recent years be increased from \$4.2 million to \$5.1 million and that amount be added to the Kupuna Care program's base budget. If adopted, this would change biennium budgeting for the Kupuna Care program to look like this:

Recommended Biennium Budgeting

	Year 1	Year 2
Base Budget	\$9.9 million	\$9.9 million

That would result in a modest 10% increase in overall funding for the program. Importantly, by shifting the additional monies from supplemental appropriations and into the base budget it would also provide for more stability and reliability in the program.

Adding the funds to the base budget will increase efficiencies

In order for the state and the Area Agencies on Aging ("AAAs") to most effectively manage public funds and serve older adults, they must be able to plan accordingly. Having the funds as a secured budget amount in the base budget will allow the state and the AAAs to do better advance planning, which in turn will allow them to enter into contracts for services and supports that will better serve both the agencies themselves as well as the senior they are serving.

The need will only increase as the senior population continues to grow

From 2002 until now the number of seniors ages 60 and over increased in Hawaii by approximately 70,000. Additionally, the population that the Kupuna Care program must serve has grown still larger since legislation enacted last year expanded eligibility for Kupuna Care to Medicaid recipients.

This program needs more resources to be as effective as it can be in helping Hawaii's rapidly growing population of seniors lead independent, meaningful, and dignified lives in their own homes and communities. Over a thirty-year period (1980-2010), the population of people ages 60 and over increased by approximately 139.8% while the total population increased by only

34.2%.¹ The population of residents ages 85 and over increased by 431.5% in that same thirty-year period.²

The additional funding we are requesting will serve between 115 to 834 additional seniors beyond those who would be served with EOA's existing funding request

According to the Hawaii State Plan on Aging, there were 277,400 people in the 60 and over age bracket in 2010. The projection is that there will be 373,650 people in that same age bracket in 2020. That's an increase of 146,250 people. We are concerned that if funding remains flat in light of that increase, then the services provided under the program will not reach as many seniors as they should as that population continues to grow.

More specifically, the Executive Office on Aging noted on its factsheet³ that the \$4.1 million it has requested would "support an additional 493 – 3,621 additional frail and vulnerable kupuna with increased levels of funding to make a greater impact on their likelihood of remaining at home, avoiding impoverishment, and sustaining the indispensable capacity of their caregiving family members and friends."⁴

The additional 10% in funding we have requested will support an additional 115 to 834 frail and vulnerable kupuna beyond those who would already be reached with EOA's existing funding request. Therefore, instead of serving an additional 493 to 3,621 seniors, we could serve an additional 608 to 4,455 seniors.

That's a real, tangible difference. Each one of those people is a father, mother, grandparent, or spouse that needs help.

Conclusion

For these reasons, we respectfully request that you support this bill and restore funding under section 2 to \$5,100,000 for FY 2015-2016 and \$5,100,000 for FY 2016-2017, and include these sums in the program's base budget.

¹ Hawaii State Plan on Aging, October 11, 2011 – September 30, 2015, Executive Office on Aging.

² Id.

³ See Kupuna Care Fact sheet, revised 2/9/2015.

⁴ Id.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TO: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Diane M. Terada, Division Administrator

DATE: Monday, March 2, 2015 (9:00 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 964, SD1, Relating to Aging**

Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) is a tax exempt, non-profit agency that has been providing supportive home and community based services to elders since 1973 and currently serves over 4,000 older persons each year.

CCH strongly supports SB 964, SD1, which will provide funding for Kupuna Care and senior centers.

KUPUNA CARE SERVICES

Catholic Charities Hawai'i is a current provider of Kupuna Care transportation services to help frail elders get to necessary medical, nutrition and other services. Through Kupuna Care, CCH Transportation also provides relief for caregivers, especially working caregivers who would otherwise have to take time off from work to provide transportation for their elderly relatives.

Kupuna Care services addresses the overall community goal of helping seniors remain independent in the community and prevent more costly institutional care – as well as supporting caregivers. Kupuna Care services provide a safety net for all kupuna and their caregivers who cannot afford to pay for in-home and community based services and are unable to receive these services through other means.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i supports additional Kupuna Care funding be added to the base budget of the Executive Office on Aging for each of fiscal years 2015 and 2016.

SENIOR CENTERS

SB 964, SD1 also supports a network of senior centers on Oahu that provide vital health education and screenings, fitness, recreation, case management, and other services to enable thousands of senior citizens to maintain wellness, support independence and avoid costly institutionalization and have a history of state funding.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is a State owned facility that was built as a model senior center for the State of Hawaii in 1969. The Center has been operated by CCH since 1981.



As indicated in Hawaii's 2013 Profile of Successful Aging, "*Supportive relationships, interactions with the environment, engagement in social activities . . . all have positive correlations on the well-being of older adults.*"ⁱ The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also advises older adults that "*regular physical activity is one of the most important things you can do for your health. It can prevent many of the health problems that seem to come with age.*"ⁱⁱ Senior centers are accessible and popular places where elders gather for this type of social engagement and physical activity that contribute to their well-being.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i supports the funding for four senior centers as indicated in Section 9 of SB964, SD1, including **\$185,000 for the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.**

Senior centers and Kupuna Care services help to meet the overall community goal of helping seniors remain independent in the community and prevent more costly (and often public funded) institutional care.

The current cost of nursing home care for ONE individual is \$121,545 per year.ⁱⁱⁱ The total amount of funding requested for BOTH Kupuna Care and senior centers would pay for a year of:

- **Nursing home care for only 45 elders; OR**
- **Kupuna Care services and senior center activities for THOUSANDS of elders – so that they can remain in their own homes, independent and active in the community!**

Catholic Charities Hawai'i asks for your support of SB 964, SD1. If I can provide any further information, please feel free to contact me at 808-527-4702 or via email at diane.terada@catholiccharitieshawaii.org. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

ⁱ Executive Office on Aging – Department of Health, "Profile of Successful Aging Among Hawaii's Older Adults", January 2013.

ⁱⁱ <http://www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/everyone/guidelines/olderadults.html>

ⁱⁱⁱ Genworth Financial, Cost of Care Survey 2014, March 25, 2014.

https://www.genworth.com/dam/Americas/US/PDFs/Consumer/corporate/130568_032514_CostofCare_FINAL_n_onsecure.pdf Note: Calculated on Median Annual Rate for nursing home (semi-private room) in State of Hawaii.

HARA Voice of Hawaii's Seniors

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Testimony of Al Hamai in support of SB964, SD1, Relating to Aging

Transmitted on 2/27/15 by email to: WAMtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

Senate Committee on Ways and Means March 2, 2015, 9:00 a.m. Conference Room 211

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kouchi and Committee Members,

HARA strongly supports SB964, SD 1, which incorporates the Kupuna Legislative Caucus Package on aging, that includes many of the major legislative priorities of HARA and many other senior and aging advocacy organizations. SB964, SD1 provides funding for such critical programs as: the Kupuna Care Program; additional funding to implement the statewide Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) system for seniors; for fall prevention services; for supporting senior centers and the healthy aging partnership; and appropriating funds for the urgently needed Alzheimer's and related dementia public awareness campaign. All well proven programs that have met many needs of seniors and caregivers.

We urge your Committee to approve SB964, SD1.

Mahalo and Aloha.

HARA is a strong voice for Hawaii's retirees and seniors; a diverse community-based organization with national roots; a grassroots organizer, educator, and communicator; and a trusted source of information for decision-makers, with 21,000 members statewide. HARA is an affiliate of the Alliance for Retired Americans (ARA), a national advocate for seniors with 4 million members. For info on the ARA go to: www.retiredamericans.org

HARA Affiliates: HGEA Retirees, HSTA-Retired, ILWU Retirees, UPW Retirees, AFT Retirees, Kokua Council, Hawaii Family Caregivers Coalition, Kupuna Education Center.



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Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association
March 2, 2015

S.B. 964, S.D. 1 – RELATING TO AGING

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO supports the general purpose and intent of S.B. 964, S.D. 1; however, we cannot support the section of the legislation that exempts the coordinator position from civil service and collective bargaining. We fully recognize the importance of Kupuna Care, protecting our seniors from falls, and establishing an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator position. These important public health initiatives can make a significant difference in protecting our aging community and helping to reduce health care costs.

Excluding the Alzheimer's disease coordinator position from civil service and collective bargaining, as proposed, makes the coordinator an appointed position. These types of positions (exempt excluded) do not have the same rights and benefits as civil service employees and there is no compelling reason to make this position a political appointee.

Therefore, we do not believe there is any justification to change this statutory provision in Section 349-3.2, HRS. There are already far too many exempt employees in the State Executive Branch and such exemptions are inconsistent with the Article XVI, Section 1 of the Hawaii State Constitution and Section 76-1, HRS, which state that positions should be within the civil service system. The Alzheimer's disease and related services coordinator position should remain subject to Chapters 76 and 89, HRS. Without these suggested changes we cannot support Part II of the bill.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify on S.B. 964, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Perreira
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Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The Hon. Jill N. Tokuda, Chair

The Hon. Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair

Testimony on Senate Bill 964 SD 1

Relating to Aging

Submitted by Nani Medeiros, Public Affairs and Policy Director

February 27, 2015, 9:00 am, Room 211

The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA), which represents the federally qualified community health centers in Hawaii, supports House Bill 964, providing needed funding for various programs designed to assist the aging population.

Elderly residents comprise the fastest growing segment of the population here in Hawaii. Among them, falls are the leading cause of fatal injuries and injury related hospitalizations in the state. Cumulatively, these falls account for a yearly average of eighty-two deaths and eighteen hundred hospitalizations, representing a total of over \$65,000,000 per year. In addition to falls, Alzheimer's disease is on the rise in Hawaii. There is also an increasing need for senior centers and various agencies.

Further, there is an ever increasing need for long term care services. In the next twenty years, the population requiring such services will increase by almost two-thirds. Basic education and awareness about these issues, along with the topics of elder abuse and fraud, must be made available for this emerging population. Doing so will serve to both foster a healthier aging population, but also a more fiscally responsible community as a whole.

For these reasons, the HPCA supports this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Monday, March 2, 2015 – 9 a.m.
Conference Room #211

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Ron Kouchi, Vice Chair

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Re: **Testimony in Support**
SB964 SD1 — Relating to Aging

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii's 160 member organizations include all of the acute care hospitals in Hawaii, all public and private skilled nursing facilities, all the Medicare-certified home health agencies, all hospices, all assisted living facilities, durable medical equipment suppliers and home infusion/pharmacies. Members also represent other healthcare providers from throughout the continuum including case management, air and ground ambulance, blood bank, dialysis, and more. In addition to providing quality care to all of Hawaii's residents, our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing over 20,000 people statewide.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of SB964 SD1, which, among other things, appropriates funds for the Kupuna Care program and the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC).

HAH believes that the ADRC has proven to be a valuable resource in streamlining access to long-term services and supports for our kupuna and the caregivers who often care for them. Providing them with additional funding in the amount of nearly \$3.4 million as part of the biennium budget would enable it to expand its reach further into the community.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB964 SD1.

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Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair

Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair

State Capitol, Conference Room 211

Monday, March 2, 2015; 9:00 a.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON S.B. 964, SD1
RELATING TO AGING**

The ILWU Local 142 strongly supports S.B. 964, SD1, which appropriates funds or facilitates programs and positions for: Kupuna Care; the Aging and Disability Resource Center; an Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia services coordinator; specified senior centers; falls prevention and early detection services; the Healthy Aging Partnership; and an Alzheimer's and dementia public awareness campaign.

The need for all of these services and programs is well-documented. Hawaii's population is aging and the "silver tsunami" will soon be upon us.

Kupuna Care provides home-delivered meals, bathing and chore services, transportation, and case management to help seniors avoid costly institutionalization and keep them living in their own homes. Services offered at senior centers like Lanakila, Kapahulu Center, Moiliili Community Center, and Waikiki Community Center help seniors maintain their independence through physical activity, mental stimulation, and socialization. In addition, the Healthy Aging Partnership assists participants to engage in education and activities to stay healthy.

Alzheimer's Disease, dementia, and falls are extremely costly. The cost of care for patients with Alzheimer's and dementia and for those who have fallen are astronomical in terms of dollars as well as emotional and physical costs for both the caregiver and receiver of care. Hundreds of thousands of hours are spent each day by caregivers providing services to care for these patients. The impact of Alzheimer's Disease and dementia can be mitigated with medical treatment and medication for the patient and information and education for the family. A dedicated coordinator to provide information and resource referrals can help families cope with the ongoing stress and strain of caring for family members with Alzheimer's or dementia. Similarly, the falls prevention coordinator funded last year must be maintained to help provide a coordinated response to the problem of elderly people falling and the avalanche of costs for hospitalization, rehabilitation, and long-term care.

The Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) are well on their way to being a "one-stop center" for information and referral services for those needing care and for their families. Additional funding is needed to make the system of ADRCs operational on all islands, particularly on Oahu where the population and the need is the greatest.

The ILWU strongly urges passage of S.B. 964, SD1. Thank you for considering our views.

Testimony of Phyllis Dendle
Director, Government Relations

Before:
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair

March 2, 2015
9:00 am
Conference Room 211

SB 964 SD1 RELATING TO AGING

Chair Tokuda and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SB 964 SD1 which provides appropriations for programs for kupuna.

Kaiser Permanente Hawaii supports this bill.

Hawaii's elder population is growing faster than anywhere else in the United States. Complexity of the aging process coupled with its associated cost highlights the need to support programs designed to help our kupuna age safely and with dignity.

Falls, lack of transportation, caregiver burnout and isolation are among the leading issues contributing to the deterioration of our Kupuna. The consequences of these are unwanted visits to the emergency departments, hospitalization and/or institutionalization. These are often the last places our elders prefer to be.

In 2014, Kaiser Permanente began innovative collaborations with members of the Kupuna Care network along with the Fall Prevention Consortium. Prevention and early detection of medical and non-medical issues in the community are focal points for partnership in 2015 and beyond. Key to this is the crucial funding passage of SB964 SD1 provides.

Thank you for your consideration.



PROTECTING HAWAII'S OHANA, CHILDREN, UNDER SERVED, ELDERLY AND DISABLED

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TO: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
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Members, Senate Committee on Ways & Means

FROM: Scott Morishige, MSW
Executive Director, PHOCUSED

HEARING: **Monday, March 2, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in Conf. Rm. 211**

Testimony in Support of SB964 SD1, Relating to Aging

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in support** of SB964 SD1, which would appropriate funds for a long-term care education and awareness campaign, the Kupuna Care program and the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC). PHOCUSED is a statewide coalition of health, housing, and human services organizations committed to strengthening policies and programs that benefit the marginalized and underserved in Hawaii.

Hawaii's population of older adults – our kupuna aged 60 and older – has grown rapidly, and is expected to continue increasing significantly over the next 20 years. With the first group of baby boomers entering this age-phase, the dynamic of our kupuna population is changing. Today's older adults are healthier and more active; they are engaged in social and community activities, and with the proper supports they can maintain this independence and higher quality of living.

The range of services and programs funded for this bill will provide crucial education, wellness, case management, nutrition, fitness, transportation, healthy living, pain management and other supports that support our kupuna to live with the highest levels of independence possible.

Once again, PHOCUSED strongly supports this bill, and we appreciate the opportunity to testify on this important issue. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact PHOCUSED at 521-7462 or by e-mail at admin@phocused-hawaii.org.



STATE OF HAWAII
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March 2, 2015

The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: SB 964 SD1– Relating to Aging

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **SUPPORTS THE INTENT OF SB 964 SD1, specifically Part I of the bill.** The purpose of Part I is to provide funding to support the State’s Kupuna Care Program and Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC).

The Council was a member of the State ADRC Advisory Board back in April 2006, as a result of the Executive Office on Aging (EOA) receiving a Federal grant to embark on establishing a one-stop single entry point for older adults and persons with disabilities. Since then, the project has established a one-stop center on the Islands of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui, and is in the process of developing the Honolulu site. The Council has a Memorandum of Agreement between the Hawaii County Office of Aging, ADRC, which defines the partner roles and responsibilities related to services provided by ADRC and the Council.

As a systems advocacy agency responsible for statewide planning, coordination, monitoring, evaluation, and advocacy on behalf of individuals with DD and their families, we support a streamlined and user-friendly process for older adults and individuals with disabilities to receive information and be able to navigate the service system to access services and supports. Most of the focus thus far in establishing and implementing the ADRCs has been targeted to the aging population.

The Council, as well as individuals with disabilities, advocates, public and private service providers, and other stakeholders, need to be involved with the planning and implementation of the ADRCs. We believe identifying and engaging in partnerships with all stakeholders will contribute to a seamless approach of accessing long-term services

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and supports in a manner that respects individual choice and desire, is person-centered, promotes independence and dignity, and provides individual control over the person's life.

The Council defers to EOA regarding the appropriation amount needed to support the ADRC.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **supporting the intent of SB 964 SD1.**

Sincerely,



Waynette K.Y. Cabral, MSW
Executive Administrator



Rosie Rowe
Chair

TO: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair

FROM: Sarah Yuan, Ph.D.
Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

HEARING: 9:00 am Monday, March 2, 2015
Conference Room 211, Hawaii State Capitol

SUBJECT: SB 964, SD1 Relating to Aging

POSITION: **The Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs strongly supports SB 964.** This testimony focuses on Part I of the bill relating to the Kupuna Care Program and the ADRCs (Aging and Disabled Resource Centers).

RATIONALE:

The Policy Board for Elder Affairs has a statutory obligation to advocate on behalf of the senior citizens in Hawaii. While we advise the Executive Office on Aging, we do not speak on their behalf.

The Kupuna Care Program offers home-and-community based services for adults 60 years and older that require assistance. This program's services do not overlap with that of Medicaid and Medicare, but provide high-quality affordable at-home assistance that is essential in supporting elders that need to be cared for. This program contributes to preventing and reducing the need for costly facility-based nursing care. The requested appropriation of \$4,145,696 each year for FY 2015-16 and FY 2016-17 will allow Kupuna Care to serve about 3,621 elders per year (estimated using the average program cost reported in EOA's 2014 State Program Report). This is a much needed additional budget because Kupuna Care's base budget (\$4.8 million) has not increased since 2001 and Hawaii's population of people 85 years or older have doubled to 35,000 people in the past 15 years. In order to avoid potential service interruption due to the delay of releasing the yearly appropriation, the PABEA strongly urges the Legislature to merge the amount of money requested with the base budget, i.e., increase Kupuna Care's base budget to an approximate \$9 million per year.

The Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) help individuals and their families to identify their long-term supports and service needs, understand their support options (including public and privately funded programs available to them), and develop and activate long-term support and service plans. They also improve the state and county governments' abilities to manage resources and monitor program quality using centralized data collection and evaluation plan. The ADRCs play a critical role in improving access to services for the elderly and people with disabilities. The PABEA strongly supports the development of fully functioning ADRCs in all four counties; when an ADRC becomes fully functional, it will qualify for additional financial support from various federal programs such as Medicare, the Affordable Care Act, and Medicaid. For the additional fund requested in this bill, much of it will be used for the implementation of Honolulu County's new ADRC plan. The PABEA supports the appropriation of addition ADRC funding over the base budget.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify on this bill.



THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

To: Chair Jill Tokuda
Vice Chair Ron Kouchi
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

From: Paula Yoshioka
Senior Vice President
The Queen's Health Systems

Re: SB 964 SD 1, Relating to Aging
Hearing—March 2, 2015 at 9:00 AM

The Queen's Health Systems would like to provide strong support for SB 964, which would fund critical community-based programs that coordinate services for individuals who require post-acute care services.

Many of the programs and authorizations in this bill are important to helping our seniors age in place. We were heartened to see that this legislation included funding to help establish senior centers that can enable our kupuna to engage in fitness, recreation and wellness activities. At North Hawaii Community Hospital, which is part of QHS, seniors are invited to continue to use the gym equipment at the rehabilitation clinic after their recovery from an injury. Staff at the hospital can attest that the gym at the facility is likely the most attended gym in the area, and helps seniors to stay active.

We would, in particular, like to highlight our support for the funding included in this measure for the aging and disability resource centers (ADRCs). Since the passage of the *Affordable Care Act* in 2010, the health care system has focused on making sure patients and their primary care providers are able to navigate the continuum of care to get necessary services prior to and following an acute episode. Following this continuum of care, which ADRCs are a part of, allows seniors to avoid costly hospitalizations and to recover in the home, which is more cost-effective and comfortable for families.

ADRCs are crucial in the continuum of care because they help to connect patients with the services they need to age in place. For example, ADRCs can offer nutrition programs that help to keep seniors healthy, avoiding a costly acute episode. If a patient does have an acute episode, then ADRCs are critical partners with providers, patients and families in coordinating services that help patients recover in their homes.

We would ask for your strong support in funding post-acute care services for our seniors, especially through the ADRCs. Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

The mission of The Queen's Health Systems is to fulfill the intent of Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV to provide in perpetuity quality health care services to improve the well-being of Native Hawaiians and all of the people of Hawai'i.

Testimony in Support, Zonta Club Of Hilo, for SB 964 SD1, Relating to Aging

Hearing before the Committee on Ways and Means

Monday, March 2, 2015, 9:00 am; State Capitol Conference Room 211

Senator Jull N. Tokuda, Chair, Senator Ronald Kouchi, VC, and Committee Members

My name is Charlene Iboshi and I am writing on behalf of the Zonta Club of Hilo. Zonta Club is an international organization of business and professional women whose mission is to advance the status of women and girls.

We voted recently to support this Kupuna Caucus bill, SB 964 SD 1, related to aging. As an organization, we realize that aging issues disproportionately impact women for two main reasons; 1) greater social, medical and economic costs associated with longer life-expectancies; and 2) women still bear most of the responsibilities of elder caregiving. Many of our members are "Baby Boomers" or in the "Great Generation," so we understand the challenges of being an "elder."

We fully support SB 964 SD1, Relating to Aging, which reflects the needed funding to address the growing social and economic challenges facing the elders. Unfortunately, the Health and Human Services Committees reduced the requested funding levels.

The omnibus funding items recommended by the Kapuna Caucus and PABEA (Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs) were fully vetted and a product of well-researched and responsible recommendations. We support funding as provided: Part I: Appropriates funds for the kupuna care program and aging and disability resource centers. Part II: Appropriates funds for the Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator. Part III: Appropriates funds for fall prevention and early detection services for the elderly. Part IV: Appropriates funds for various senior center programs on Oahu, although none for Neighbor Islands. Part V: Appropriates funds to support the healthy aging partnership program. Part VI: Appropriates funds for an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia public awareness campaign.

Since my retirement as the Hawaii County Prosecutor, I have involved myself in organizations, such as the Zonta Club of Hilo, which support a healthy and safe community, especially for women and children. To reduce economic and social costs facing the elders, disabled and their care-givers, a plan with collaborative, comprehensive implementation of "best practices" is key. The plan must include a government and community "support net."

The funding proposals in SB 964 SD1 would reduce the overall societal and economic costs by using prevention measures and avoiding costly institutional care.

The Legislature should adopt the Kupuna Caucus and PABEA recommendations to support the economic and social vitality of our growing elder populations. This support is especially helpful to women, who do the caregiving primarily, then become the cared for elder as they become frail and unable to take care of themselves because of their longer life expectancies.

The funding will be helpful for Hawaii County, which has the challenge of being the largest county with strained infra-structure. Our super-rurality makes any delivery of services for elders and disabled more challenging. Collaboration is our strength, but we continue to have the unfortunate status of being the county with the most "challenging" economic and social negative social indicators, including inadequate public transportation and insufficient primary health care services.

Please provide adequate funding, as requested initially, for self-help strategies with "one stop" access through the ADRCs, strengthening of community through healthy aging, maintaining cost-effective elder services, such as Kupuna Care, for aging without institutional care, and creation of a dementia/alzheimer coordinator, and falls prevention and dementia awareness campaign.

Thank you for your expected support and opportunity to testify.
Charlene Iboshi, Zonta Club of Hilo

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Submitted on: 3/1/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara J. Service	Individual	Support	No

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Dear Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

My name is Midori Kiso and I live in Moilili district. I am writing to ask you to support SB964, S.D.1.

First, I wish to thank the committee supporting Kupuna Care Act that enables us seniors in Hawaii to lead independent, healthy, and dignified lives in our own homes and communities.

We learn everyday that the number of seniors ages 60+ in Hawaii is increasing fast and we need increased appropriations to advance Kupuna Care provided by the legislature. The skyrocketing population of seniors in Hawaii needs the home and community based services like hot meals, transportation, and personal care assistance, and for this reason the \$5.1 million in additional funding must be appropriated. This act will provide additional resources to this critical program that provides services for Hawaii's fastest growing group of residents who are Kupuna.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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Submitted on: 2/28/2015

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To: Senate committee on Ways and Means

Date: Monday, March 2, 2015

Re: SB 964 S.D. 1 Relating to Aging (Kupuna Care Funding)

My name is Chalintrorn N. Burian, Ph.D., and I am writing in STRONG SUPPORT of SB 964, S.D. 1, Relating to Aging (Kupuna Care Funding).

The goal of Kupuna Care is to enable Hawaii seniors to lead independent, meaningful, and dignified lives in their own homes and communities. It will allow seniors basic needs like hot meals, transportation, and personal care assistance.

As the population of seniors in Hawaii is fast increasing, we can expect that more and more seniors will have need of the home and community based services that Kupuna Care provides. Although from 2002 until now the base budget for Kupuna Care stayed relatively flat, yet during the same time the number of seniors ages 60+ increased in Hawaii by approximately 70,000. Providing more seniors with these services is the reason for the \$5.1 million in additional funding reflected in the original bill. It will provide additional resources to this critical program that provides services for Hawaii's fastest growing group of residents.

The one-time appropriations provided by the legislature to augment the base budget in recent years have been welcome and helpful. But we need to do more.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in strong support of SB 964 S.D. 1, Relating to Aging (Kupuna Care Funding).

Sincerely,

Chalintorn N. Burian, Ph.D.

Paaui-lo-Mauka, The Big Island
Phone: (808) 775-1064

To: Senate committee on Ways and Means,
Date: Monday March 2, 2015

Re: SB SB964, SD 1, Kupuna Legislative Caucus Package on Aging

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kouchi and Committee Members,

My name is T. J. Davies Jr. and I am writing in STRONG SUPPORT of SB 964, Relating to Aging.

The goal of Kupuna Care is to enable Hawaii seniors to lead independent, meaningful, and dignified lives in their own homes and communities.

From 2002 until now the base budget for Kupuna Care stayed relatively flat. Yet during that same time the number of seniors ages 60+ increased in Hawaii by approximately 70,000.

The one-time appropriations provided by the legislature to augment the base budget in recent years have been welcome and helpful, but we need to do more.

The population of seniors in Hawaii is skyrocketing and we can expect that more and more seniors will have need of the home and community based services that Kupuna Care provides. These are important and basic needs like hot meals, transportation, and personal care assistance.

Providing more seniors with these services is the reason for the \$5.1 million in additional funding reflected in the original bill. It will provide additional resources to this critical program that provides services for Hawaii's fastest growing group of residents.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in STRONG SUPPORT of SB 964.

Sincerely,

T. J. DAVIES JR.
Kokua Council for Senior Citizens
HARA Legislative Committee
AARP Chapter 60 Waikiki
Kakaako (District 23 / Senate District 12)

To: Senate committee on Ways and Means,
Date: Monday March 2, 2015

Re: SB SB964, SD 1, Kupuna Legislative Caucus Package on aging

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Providing more seniors with these services is the reason for the \$5.1 million in additional funding reflected in the original bill. It will provide additional resources to this critical program that provides services for Hawaii's fastest growing group of residents.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in strong support of SB 964.

Sincerely,

T. J. DAVIES JR.
Kokua Council for Senior Citizens
HARA Legislative Committee
AARP Chapter 60 Waikiki
Kakaako (District 23 / Senate District 12)

Aloha Committee Members,

My name is Mark Koppel, from Umauma, Hawaii Island and I am STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF expanding the Kupuna Care Act, SB964.

Almost everyone of us wants to spend our final years at home, in familiar surroundings. Many of us can't afford without additional help. When our money runs out, we are forced into a nursing home which will cost the state half of the tremendously high Medicaid rate.

This happened to a cousin of mine. She literally used up every penny of her savings and was forced into a nursing home which the State had to pay for. She became extremely depressed. Just a small amount of Kupuna Care money could have kept her happily in her home with some outside help.

SB964 not only helps our Kupuna, it saves money AND creates caregiver jobs. What could be better?

Mahalo

Mark Koppel
Umauma, Hawaii Island

SB964

Submitted on: 2/28/2015

Testimony for WAM on Mar 2, 2015 09:00AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
james crowe	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please fund according to the original bill for 5.1 million. Please apply your respect for us Kupuna. My wife and I both are seniors. We alternate being each others' caregivers, relying on our connections with Kaunoa senior services and the Maui County Office on aging. Our seniors' needs continue and our numbers are increasing. Please continue full funding for these services.

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To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Date: Monday, March 2, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

Conference Room 211

Re: SB 964, S.D.1 Relating to Aging

Honorable Jill Tokuda, Chair, and Committee members,

My name is Esther Ueda, and I am writing to request your support of SB 964, S.D.1 Relating to Aging.

I feel it is very important to support the various Kupuna Care Programs. I have been a Meals on Wheels volunteer and delivered meals to the elderly for 15 years, and I know how important these types of services are to the elderly who may be homebound, have little family support, or have working children who need help in providing care services for their parents.

Please support SB964, S.D.1.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Esther Ueda

Pearl City, Hawaii

TO: Honorable Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair of Ways and Means Committee
Honorable Senator Ronald Kouchi, Vice Chair
Members of the Ways and Means Committee

DATE: Monday, March 2, 2015
PLACE: State Capitol, Room 211
TIME: 9:00 am
SUBJECT: Testimony in support of SB 964 SD 1 - Relating to Aging

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kouchi and Members of the Ways and Means Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a written testimony in FULL AND STRONG
SUPPORT OF

SB 964 SD 1- Relating to Aging.

As Administrator of Project Dana, a volunteer caregivers program, I am in strong
support of

SB 964 SD 1 which promotes aging in place in Hawaii's community.

SB 964 SD 1 Relating to Aging: Funding for Kupuna Care program, Aging and
Disability Resource Center, Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services
coordinator, fall prevention and early detection services for the elderly, senior centers,
healthy aging programs, and Alzheimer's disease and related dementia public
awareness campaign are necessary to allow older adults to live
independently.

Each part of SB 964 SD 1 addresses the need and necessary funding. The
Alzheimer's disease and related dementia coordinator position is also imminent as this
is a fast growing health issue among older adults.

Please support SB 964 SD 1 – Relating to Aging.

Thank you very much.
Rose Nakamura,
Project Dana

Jody Mishan, Coordinator
Hawaii 2025: State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease & Related Dementias (ADRD)
PO Box 62304
Honolulu, Hawaii 96839

**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 964
Relating to Aging
For Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Monday, March 2, 2015, 9:00 a.m. Conference Room 211**

To: The Honorable Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means, and
Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair
The Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State Capitol, State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

And to: The Honorable Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing, and
Senator Josh Green, Chair
Senate Committee on Health

February 27, 2015

Dear Senators and Committee Members,

I am submitting testimony in support of SB 964, with a suggestion for a slight change of wording relating to Part II Section 4, calling for an Alzheimer's & Related Dementias (ADRD) coordinator.

Re: PART II, SECTION 4, AGING OMNIBUS BILL

"There is established within the EOA an ADRD services coordinator to coordinate provision of public and private ADRD services."

Since 2012, I have been coordinating the process of *Hawaii 2025: State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease & Related Dementias*, now available online at www.hawaiiadrc.org (click on Resources). I was hired as a state temporary employee at Executive Office on Aging, and am now a state contractor with the responsibility to coordinate the state plan. Implementation of the state plan's recommendations is now the main focus in 2015, as well as creating an updated version of the plan with more detailed action steps, a logic model and evaluation plan. We have already started work in the community on some of the recommended objectives.

I humbly suggest a change of verbiage in the bill related to the ADRD coordinator position. The way it reads now is "to coordinate the provision of public and private Alzheimer's disease and related dementias services." (PART II, Section 4). This does not accurately describe what an

ADRD coordinator should be responsible for. Instead, it could more accurately be written as “to coordinate community efforts to implement recommendations of *Hawaii 2025: State Plan on Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias*.” A coordinator really cannot coordinate the provision of public and private ADRD services.

Other states have created permanent positions for specialists in ADRD that have been established in their aging offices to convene, encourage and facilitate statewide community collaboration, oversight and accountability for state plan recommendations.

Addressing this issue in Hawaii cannot be done without leadership and continued convening of and partnering with community stakeholders and sustained oversight and accountability for the state plan.

Due to the state plan process so far, important activities already taking place are: professional trainings for healthcare professionals on the importance of early diagnosis and accurate assessment of dementia; adapting curriculum in dementia-capability for government and service agencies statewide, including Hawaii’s ADRCs; creating materials for a statewide public awareness campaign on dementia; providing accessible and affordable legal services to those with dementia and their caregivers; increasing Hawaii dementia research and encouraging participation in clinical trials; integrating dementia into other state and county plans and activities; providing dementia-related trainings, presentations statewide, and sustaining a growing Hawaii Dementia Coalition.

As a public health issue, it’s important to decrease the stigma of ADRD with public and professional training and awareness on the warning signs of dementia, and the risk factors for dementia. It’s also crucial to educate the community on brain health. A cognitive module was added to the 2011 Hawaii Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS), and showed that 9.2% of those aged 60 and over report they are experiencing confusion or memory loss that is happening more often or is getting worse. Nearly 90% of them have not talked to a health care professional about it – the highest among 22 states reporting data.

There is much work to do and it involves: keeping together the growing Dementia Coalition; making Hawaii ADRCs, agencies and infrastructure dementia-capable; expanding public and professional trainings statewide; assuring financial and legal services for those affected; convening the Special Governor’s Advisory Panel to oversee the state plan; convening special committees to focus on key issues in the state plan; expanding supports for unpaid dementia caregivers; tracking progress of the state plan and improving Hawaii dementia-related data collection; seeking continual public feedback on dementia issues; starting memory clinics in every county; decreasing stigma with an effective public awareness campaign; seeking funding for further implementation of the state plan and networking with national partners.

There is great momentum in Hawaii to implement the recommendations, as there is nationwide in other state plans and the National Plan to Address Alzheimer’s Disease. The state plans and their implementation are a key part of the national strategy to achieve the goals in practice locally, so states are encouraged to include dementia in their state government structures.

Without a dementia coordinator within the EOA, the momentum that has been established would not continue. It's important that there be someone to coordinate meetings and provide leadership, encouragement, and accountability for state plan implementation with community-wide participation.

The increasing incidence of Alzheimer's and other dementias due to our aging population has made dementia a public health crisis worldwide. Alzheimer's is the 6th leading cause of death in the U.S., killing more than breast cancer and prostate cancer combined. Every 67 seconds someone in the U.S. develops the disease. 1 in 3 seniors dies with Alzheimer's or another dementia. It's now the most expensive disease in the nation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Aloha,

Jody Mishan

SB964

Submitted on: 2/27/2015

Testimony for WAM on Mar 2, 2015 09:00AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
MICHELE PAULARENA	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please restore the funding for Kupuna Care to 5.1 million. There are many seniors in Hawaii who depend on Kupuna Care so that they can remain in their homes. My husband has benefited from Kupuna Care for the last three years. It allowed him to remain at home with with home health aides attending to his needs. Thank you, Michele Paularena

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TO: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair

DATE: Monday, March 2, 2015 (9:00 a.m., Room 211)

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Transportation Services are important to me because:

*I'm not able to drive +
ride public bus to take me to my
doctor's appt.*

Please support Kupuna Care funding for all Kupuna who wish to remain in the community and avoid costly (and unwanted) institutional care! Mahalo.

Print Name: Christopher S. Sasaki

City & Zip Code: Honolulu, HI 96818

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Transportation Services are important to me because:

*I cannot drive a car and have no means
of getting to visit my husband @ Leahi
Hospital.*

Please support Kupuna Care funding for all Kupuna who wish to remain in the community and avoid costly (and unwanted) institutional care! Mahalo.

Print Name: HILDA M. REMEDIO

City & Zip Code: Honolulu HI 96825

TO: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair

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Transportation Services are important to me because:

I need to go to the doctor

Please support Kupuna Care funding for all Kupuna who wish to remain in the community and avoid costly (and unwanted) institutional care! Mahalo.

Print Name: Eleanor Kashiwada

City & Zip Code: Honolulu, HI 96813

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I am 65 years old and receive Transportation Services. I urge you to provide funding for Kupuna Care services and to make sure that these vital services can be provided for Kupuna, like me, so we can remain independent in our homes for as long as possible.

Transportation Services are important to me because:

My medical condition

Please support Kupuna Care funding for all Kupuna who wish to remain in the community and avoid costly (and unwanted) institutional care! Mahalo.

Print Name: Hubert L. Mihic

City & Zip Code: Honolulu, HI 96813

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Transportation Services are important to me because:

This is a way for me to get home from Lanakila activities. The Lanakila activities are a very important part of our life to keep active and healthy.

Please support Kupuna Care funding for all Kupuna who wish to remain in the community and avoid costly (and unwanted) institutional care! Mahalo.

Print Name: Sally Shimabukuro

City & Zip Code: Honolulu HI 96817

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Transportation Services are important to me because:

I cannot walk too far because I have shortness of breath. I must walk slowly

Please support Kupuna Care funding for all Kupuna who wish to remain in the community and avoid costly (and unwanted) institutional care! Mahalo.

Print Name: Ann Kinoshita

City & Zip Code: Honolulu, HI 96817

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Transportation Services are important to me because:

*They take me to Lanikila Senior Center,
Doctor's Appointments, marketing, etc.*

Please support Kupuna Care funding for all Kupuna who wish to remain in the community and avoid costly (and unwanted) institutional care! Mahalo.

Print Name: Alia K. Sasaki

City & Zip Code: Honolulu, Hawaii 96826

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Transportation Services are important to me because:

THEY TAKE ME TO LANAKILA FOR MY CLASSES. I DON'T
DRIVE AND NO TRANSPORTATION. I GO TO THE LANAKILA
CENTER TO KEEP ME HEALTHY AND GOING.

Please support Kupuna Care funding for all Kupuna who wish to remain in the community and avoid costly (and unwanted) institutional care! Mahalo.

Print Name: GRACE K. TANOMYE

City & Zip Code: Honolulu HI 96817

TO: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
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I am 96 years old and receive Transportation Services. I urge you to provide funding for Kupuna Care services and to make sure that these vital services can be provided for Kupuna, like me, so we can remain independent in our homes for as long as possible.

Transportation Services are important to me because: *I don't have reliable transportation. I appreciate CC Transportation service very much.*

Please support Kupuna Care funding for all Kupuna who wish to remain in the community and avoid costly (and unwanted) institutional care! Mahalo.

Print Name: Shizue Kakazu

City & Zip Code: Honolulu, 96818

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Transportation Services are important to me because:

We have no one to rely on. We are getting frail & this transportation is most gratifying. At this point we are most satisfied with your services. Thank you.

Please support Kupuna Care funding for all Kupuna who wish to remain in the community and avoid costly (and unwanted) institutional care! Mahalo.

Print Name: Clara Muraasaki

City & Zip Code: Honolulu HI 96816

TO: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
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Transportation Services are important to me because:

dialysis

Please support Kupuna Care funding for all Kupuna who wish to remain in the community and avoid costly (and unwanted) institutional care! Mahalo.

Print Name: SOON OK KIM

City & Zip Code: Honolulu, HI 96822

TO: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
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I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

我参加这个会想结识朋友 参加活动, 活跃身心
增加知识. 我喜欢唱歌.

Translation: I love meeting friends here. Good for
my body & mind. Increase my knowledge.
I love singing

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive (and unwanted) institutional care. Thank you.

Sincerely, Yui Kun Huang

Name: Yui Kun Huang

Address: Honolulu, HI 96817
City Zip Code

TO: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair

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RE: IN SUPPORT of SB 964, SD1, Relating to Aging

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I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

As a senior citizen it is important that we keep our mind + body functional and "fine tuned"

At Lanakila Center I'm able to do so by joining with other seniors ~~two~~ such programs — Sohm Bo Dam and Tai Chi several times a week. I am grateful for such programs + that the city cares for ~~the~~ seniors.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive (and unwanted) institutional care. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Lei-Jayne Moy

Address:

Honolulu
City

96822
Zip Code

TO: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

it provides us in the district with a sense of community - provides us w/ leadership & activities which promote well being (intellectual & physical) that are not costly.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive (and unwanted) institutional care. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Alice J. Kotoke

Address: Honolulu, HI 96817
City Zip Code

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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

We need center to meet people close to our ages. We also need exercise in groups to encourage others in group activity. Many friends join with this activity here.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive (and unwanted) institutional care. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Milina Gee

Address:

Honolulu, HI

96817

City

Zip Code

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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

I and my wife enjoy and need the many activities that take place at Lanakila Center. We benefit ^{rather} more when we participate with a group, than as individuals.
G. Moy.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive (and unwanted) institutional care. Thank you.

Sincerely,

George J. Moy

Name:

GEORGE J. MOY

Address:

HONOLULU HI 96822

City

Zip Code

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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

I took care of my in laws who were in the 90's until 96 1/2 year. The LMPSC center served as a respite for me. My mother in-law also had slight alzheimer's.

It provides me with good health and energy in my daily life. I do Tai Chi & I am Bo Dahn exercises.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive (and unwanted) institutional care. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Lynn DeSiga

Address: Honolulu, HI 96817
City Zip Code

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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

The Center provides my wife and me with the opportunity to take classes in a non-threatening environment. The Salmu Bo Dahn ^{exercise} classes enable us to keep our body and mind active. We are able to counteract the fears of getting older by keeping us active. Why pay for hospital and institutional costs when investing in the Center can keep the seniors independent?

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive (and unwanted) institutional care. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Joan H. Katakura

Address:

Honolulu, HI 96817
City Zip Code

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RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 964, SD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 70 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

- it is a "safe" place to socialize, be educated (i.e., Safety... Health... Recreation, etc.) with friends new and old.
 - it is a great place to keep one in touch ^{actively} with "Seniors" happenings... in the community as well as nationally.
 - Your support is greatly needed and will be much appreciated by seniors like me. — *Mahalo* —
- Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive (and unwanted) institutional care. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

Name: Edouard K. Frank

Address: Honolulu, HI 96817
City Zip Code

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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

我参加这个会, 结识朋友, 参加活动
活跃身心, 增加知识。

Translation: I like to meet friends in this senior center.
Activities help me to know more about
this community.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive (and unwanted) institutional care. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Sam Yee Sun

Address: Honolulu HI 96817
City Zip Code

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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

*I need playmates at my age.
activities to look for to*

*I need, to see as much
smiling faces as I can*

Yes I can!

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive (and unwanted) institutional care. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Walter Chun 1/30/2015

Address: Honolulu, HI 96813
City Zip Code

TO: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair

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RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 964, SD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 62 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

it provides affordable activities that address physical fitness health and mental stimulation. Special presentations keep us up to date with current medical findings to help us / inform of how to age in a healthy way. I've also met wonderful seniors here, people who demonstrate living intergenerationally since the ^{seniors} age range spans approximately 40 years!

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive (and unwanted) institutional care. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Donna K.O. Chock

Address:

Honolulu, 96813

City

Zip Code

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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

*of the exercises and meeting of
all different ages of people -
Continuously learning different
things*

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive (and unwanted) institutional care. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Lean Axamine

Address:

Honolulu

City

96817

Zip Code

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I am 75 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

It keeps me healthier and have a chance to meet many people. I enjoy the instructors in tap dancing, tai chi & hula.

Thanks, Lanakila

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive (and unwanted) institutional care. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Onene Kaganoy

Address:

Honolulu Hi 96817
City Zip Code

TO: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair

DATE: Monday, March 2, 2015 (9:00 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 964, SD1, Relating to Aging**

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I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

It is a center where seniors come to learn, play and serve. There are many activities that the seniors participate in to keep their minds alert and to remain healthy. We have many speakers and activities for different holidays. There are events to prolong our life. There are social activities to help us meet new friends and to do enjoyable activities.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive (and unwanted) institutional care. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Dorothy Mau

Address:

Honolulu, HI 96816
City Zip Code

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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

I enjoy being with members of the center I enjoy singing hula & exercise keeps me being active I like teaching hula to anyone

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive (and unwanted) institutional care. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Elizabeth Betty Parker

Address: Honolulu, HI 96813
City Zip Code

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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

It is a blessing that we have Lanakila Center as our second home where we can come to partake our retired senior life. Please continue this most fulfilling and enjoyable part of our life. Mahalo.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive (and unwanted) institutional care. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Emilio Watanabe

Address: Honolulu, HI 96826
City Zip Code

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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

I come here I am very happy

I can learn something

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive (and unwanted) institutional care. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: CHOY, CHOW FOOK

Address: Honolulu HI 96815
City Zip Code

TO: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

They have all kind of exercise and different ethnic clubs that we can join.

I take fusion exercise to stretch my muscles and learn to keep my balance to prevent falling and my breathing has improved. It keeps me from getting stiff and bending over (my posture).

I enjoy talking to everyone that I meet at this center and keeps my mind sharp.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive (and unwanted) institutional care. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Ann Kinsch

Address:

Honolulu HI 96817

City

Zip Code

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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

This is the best place to be.
You meet old friends + get in
with the wonderful programs here.
I look forward to coming here as much
as I can.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive (and unwanted) institutional care. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Helan Palama

Address:

Hon, HI
City

96817
Zip Code

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I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

It focuses upon the physical-mental-social well being of seniors. The multitude of activities provides options and opens doors to new and healthy opportunities.

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive (and unwanted) institutional care. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Jane Wakukawa

Address:

Honolulu, Hawaii

City

Zip Code

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Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

*The Sing Along classes bring so much joy to me
when we go out to nursing homes and entertain
them.*

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive (and unwanted) institutional care. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Rose Ho

Address:

Honolulu, HI 96813
City Zip Code

TO: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair

DATE: Monday, March 2, 2015 (9:00 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 964, SD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 71 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

*Place for me to be with
friends. Learn how to
stay healthy.*

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive (and unwanted) institutional care. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Rose Yanagisawa

Address:

Honolulu 96819

City

Zip Code

TO: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair

DATE: Monday, March 2, 2015 (9:00 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 964, SD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 93 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

It keeps me active

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive (and unwanted) institutional care. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Shuzuo Ishihara

Address:

Honolulu, HI 96817
City Zip Code

TO: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair

DATE: Monday, March 2, 2015 (9:00 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 964, SD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 81 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

Clarence age - 86
Teddi Pacaro age 86
Reason - to improve health, mobility

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive (and unwanted) institutional care. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Mrs Mrs Clarence Pacaro

Address: Honolulu, HI 96817-1322
City Zip Code

TO: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair

DATE: Monday, March 2, 2015 (9:00 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **IN SUPPORT of SB 964, SD1, Relating to Aging**

I am 63 years old and participate in the many activities at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

I support this bill and urge your support to provide FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTERS, especially Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, a program of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center is important to me because:

for my health. → sahm bohn dohn.
for my enjoyment → Ukulele

Please make Senior Center funding a priority so that seniors like me can remain independent in the community and avoid expensive (and unwanted) institutional care. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Rita M...

Address:

Honolulu, HI 96822
City Zip Code

SB964

Submitted on: 2/28/2015

Testimony for WAM on Mar 2, 2015 09:00AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anthony Orozco	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: If somebodies got Alzheimer's disease then they are an unproductive brainless goner already. Is this an investment that will pay off? If you got money burning a hole in your pocket so bad, how about investing in youth education - you know "THE FUTURE". What a concept.

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